CASE NUMBER:	IV 2267238
SUBJECT:	Daniel Genao, Deputy, #
STATION/UNIT/BUREAU:	Industry Station, Region III
DATE/TIME/DAY:	May 6, 2010, 2205 hours, Thursday
LOCATION:	Francisquito Avenue, La Puente, CA 91744
Synopsis:	
	Genao, # assigned to Industry Station for six unit (147B EM's) in the unincorporated City of La
Subject Genao saw a male (Susp in the parking lot. Subject Genao approaching the suspects, Suspe	naven for gang members and narcotics trafficking. Dect and and female (Suspect arguing arguing stopped his vehicle to contact the suspects. While sect appears spontaneously stated "Come on, all I got is seed Suspect arguing if he had anything else. Suspect
from the right side waistband of h baggie containing methamphetar	and recovered a loaded firearm nis pants. Subject Genao also recovered a clear plastic nine from Suspect right front pants pocket.  possession of narcotics while possessing a firearm.
patrol vehicle by arguing and impordered Suspect seven	bject Genao from placing Suspect into the peding his path to the patrol vehicle. Subject Genao ral times to step away. Suspect was ring and/or obstructing a law enforcement officer in
cause declaration. Subject Gena	ned from Subject Genoa's incident report and probable ao wrote and submitted his Incident Report, Probable s, and Booking slips before the end of his shift.  e 9)

On May 7, 2010, Industry Station Detective Smiley was conducting follow-up interviews of arrestee's when he contacted Suspect in the booking area of Industry Station Jail. While questioning Suspect she told a different version of the arrest as written by Subject Genao.
She told Detective Smiley that Subject Genao found the gun in a planter and not on Suspect as written by Subject Genao. She also told Detective Smiley the of the was outside in the parking lot talking to Suspect when Subject Genao arrived.
Detective Smiley contacted Witness who is the second of the said was present when Subject Genoa drove into the parking lot. Witness said he and Suspect were walking away from room # toward the office to discuss Suspect vacating the
Witness said he saw a patrol car drive into the parking lot. Suspect suddenly walked quickly in the direction of the stairway located on the north end of the building. Witness saw Suspect stop and look into a trash can. Suspect then walked directly to the planter on the north side of the stairway. He appeared to use both hands to toss an unknown object down into the planter. Suspect then quickly walked back in the direction of Subject Genao who was now outside his patrol car, ordering Suspect to walk to him.
Witness said he did not see Subject Genao find a gun on Suspect or in the planter, because he was distracted by the actions of Suspect who was yelling at Subject Genao. Witness went on to explain that the surveillance equipment was not working during the incident.
Prior to contacting Suspect Detective Smiley notified Sergeant of his findings. They agreed Detective Smiley should contact Subject Genao to clarify and confirm the details in his report.
At approximately 1200 hours, Detective Smiley contacted Subject Genao by telephone.  Detective Smiley explained to Subject Genao what he had been told by Suspect and Witness Subject Genao told Detective Smiley the suspect and witness were correct and that Suspect had tossed the handgun in the planter and he (Genao) had recovered it from the planter after detaining Suspect Detective Smiley terminated the conversation.

Detective Smiley contacted Suspect who told him he and Witness were outside his room when a patrol car entered the parking lot. He said Witness produced a handgun and handed it to him while asking Suspect to take it to the front counter. Suspect panicked, took the handgun, and tossed it into the planter before being detained by Subject Genao. (Exhibit A- ICIB Casebook Page 18)

As a result of the investigation by Detective Smiley the suspects were immediately released and no charges were filed with the District Attorney.

On May 11, 2010, the Sheriff's Department's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau opened an investigation regarding an allegation that Subject Genao, while assigned to patrol duties, submitted an arrest report and made false material statements under oath

On June 8, 2010, the District Attorney filed two counts of perjury (118.1 P.C. and 118(A) P.C.) against Subject Genao.

of a Probable Cause Declaration to a Superior Court judge.

On July 12, 2011, Subject Genao appeared in Los Angeles Superior Court, Department 50, for a plea agreement hearing with Judge David Horowitz. Subject Genao pleaded "Nolo Contendere" to one misdemeanor count of Filing a False Police Report – 118.1 P.C. An additional count of Perjury- 118 P.C., was dismissed as a result of the plea agreement. (Exhibit B)

On August 18, 2011, Internal Affairs Bureau was assigned the administrative investigation. The following is a summary of Internal Affairs Bureau investigation regarding the case in question.

#### **DEPARTMENT WITNESS STATEMENTS**

On June 17, 2010 Internal Criminal Investigation Bureau Sergeant Cassidy, #
interviewed Detective Dave Smiley.
Detective Smiley, # said he was working a weekend duty assignment as a detective when he received an in-custody report involving Suspect and Suspect
Detective Smiley said he interviewed Suspect believing she might provide information regarding the stolen gun. They went over her detention and arrest, and during the interview Suspect told him she saw Subject Genao recover the handgun from a planter on the side of the parking lot.

Detective Smiley wanted to corroborate her story and proceeded to the to contact Witness who was the on May 6, 2010. Detective Smiley said Witness told him he had been in the parking lot talking with Suspect when a marked Sheriff's patrol car drove into the parking lot. Suspect quickly walked away toward a planter and made a tossing motion. Suspect walked toward the deputy where he was detained.
Witness said he never saw the deputy recover a gun, but he knew a gun had been recovered, because the deputy came up to him later and told him that he "shouldn't be fucking around like that." Witness said he believed the deputy thought he was somehow involved with Suspect and the handgun.
Detective Smiley said that based on the information he had obtained, he believed there may have been a problem with the initial investigation and report submitted by Subject Genao. He notified his supervisor who told him to call Subject Genao to resolve the matter.
Detective Smiley called Subject Genao and explained the results of his interviews with Suspect and Witness Detective Smiley told Subject Genao he needed him to tell him what happened at the location. There was silence on the telephone for a minute and then Subject Genao said "yeah, that's what happened." Detective Smiley was stunned and told Subject Genao to clarify what he meant. Subject Genao said "What they're telling you, that's what happened."
Detective Smiley said he asked Subject Genao why he would have done such a "silly thing," and that (based on the totality of the circumstances) he had a legal arrest the way it "went down." Detective Smiley said Subject Genao said something like, I just wanted to make it stick (referring to the arrest and criminal charges). Detective Smiley ended the conversation with Subject Genao.
Detective Smiley immediately notified his supervisors. He then interviewed Suspect who told him that the gave him the handgun, which Suspect tossed in the planter. (Exhibit A- ICIB Casebook Pages 4-7)
On July 7, 2010, Sergeant Cassidy interviewed <b>Sergeant Douglas Creighton</b> ,  # who was the Watch Commander on May 6, 2010. Prior to the interview,  Sergeant Cassidy had Sergeant Creighton review the original Probable Cause  Declaration (PCD) form with the file number 910-06325-1432-151

Sergeant Creighton said he recognized and signed that document. Sergeant Creighton said Subject Genao presented him with both a written statement (on the PCD) and an oral statement. Sergeant Creighton said the oral statement matched what was written on the PCD when it was presented to him by Subject Genao. (Exhibit A-ICIB Casebook Page 7)

#### **NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESS STATEMENTS**

On May 7, 2007, Industry Station Detective Smiley contacted Suspect in the booking area of Industry Station Jail. Suspect told Detective Smiley she was inside her room waiting for Suspect to return from discussing a refund with the
IAB Note: She later told ICIB Investigators she was in a truck when the patrol car drove into the parking lot. (Exhibit A- ICIB Casebook Page 4)
She heard loud voices coming from the parking lot. She exited her room and saw a patrol car stopped in the parking lot with a deputy (Genao) standing beside the vehicle. Subject Genao was ordering Suspect to walk toward him. When Suspect reached Subject Genao, he was placed in the backseat.
Suspect approached Subject Genao to tell him about how the propositioned her earlier in the evening. Subject Genao told her to back away as he walked toward the outside stairway on the north end of the building. She followed and saw Subject Genao knock over a trash can and look through its contents. Subject Genao next looked into a planter located on the north side of the planter and recovered a handgun. As Subject Genoa walked back to the patrol car to secure the weapon, she continued to ask him why he was arresting Suspect
Detective Smiley told her he believed she was lying to protect Suspect She insisted Subject Genao found the gun in a planter and not on Suspect She also told Detective Smiley the was outside in the parking lot talking to Suspect when Subject Genao arrived. She claimed she had been walking in and out of the room loading her car, while Suspect spoke with the (Exhibit A- ICIB Casebook Pages 18-20)

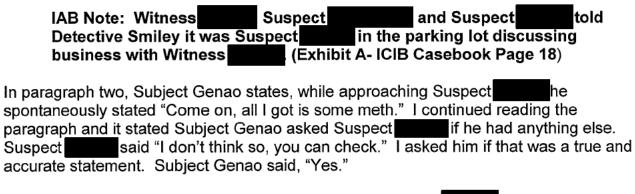
Detective Smiley contacted Witness who is the form of the fine and was present when Subject Genoa drove into the parking lot. Witness said he and Suspect were walking away from room # toward the office to discuss Suspect Valdez vacating the
Witness saw a patrol car drive into the parking lot. Suspect suddenly walked quickly in the direction of the stairway located on the north end of the building, as Witness immediately stopped walking.
Witness saw Suspect stop and look into a trash can. Suspect Valdez then walked directly to the planter on the north side of the stairway. He appeared to use both hands to toss an unknown object down into the planter. Suspect then quickly walked back in the direction of Subject Genao, who was now outside his patrol car ordering Suspect to walk to him.
Witness said he saw Subject Genao secure Suspect in the patrol vehicle, as Suspect approached pleading with him to release Suspect Subject Genao approached Witness and told him to "quit fucking around" and that "the guy had a gun."
Witness said he did not see Subject Genao find the gun on Suspect with the planter because he was distracted by the actions of Suspect Witness went on to explain that the surveillance equipment was not working during the incident. (Exhibit A- ICIB Casebook Page 20)
Detective Smiley contacted Suspect who told him he and Witness were outside his room when a patrol car entered the parking lot. He said Witness produced a handgun and handed it to him while asking Suspect to take it to the front counter. Suspect panicked, took the handgun, and tossed it into the planter before being detained by Subject Genao. (Exhibit A- ICIB Casebook Page 21)
Suspect is currently
CCHRS printout included with this review.
(Exhibit E)

#### SUBJECT STATEMENT

**Subject Daniel Genao** was interviewed on January 25, 2012 by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Hector Velasquez and Slade Carrizosa. Subject Genao was represented by his attorney Greg Emerson. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office in the City of Commerce. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The interview transcripts have been included with this case.

I provided Subject Genao with copies of his Incident Report, Probable Cause Declaration, Medical forms, and Booking slips. (Exhibit A- ICIB Casebook)

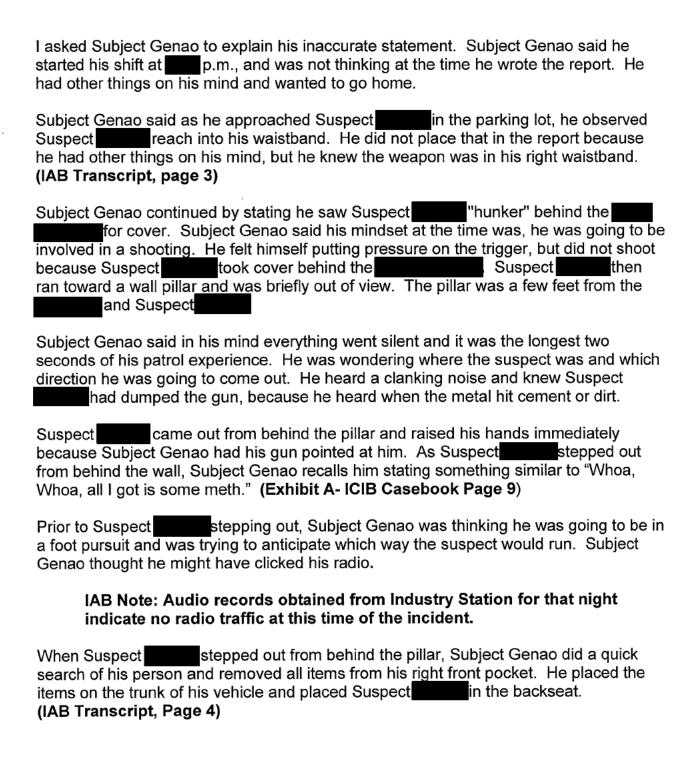
I called his attention to the Incident Report and asked him if he had authored it; he said "Yes." I asked Subject Genao about the first paragraph where he wrote he drove into the parking lot of the and observed the suspects arguing. Subject Genao said the statement was true and accurate.



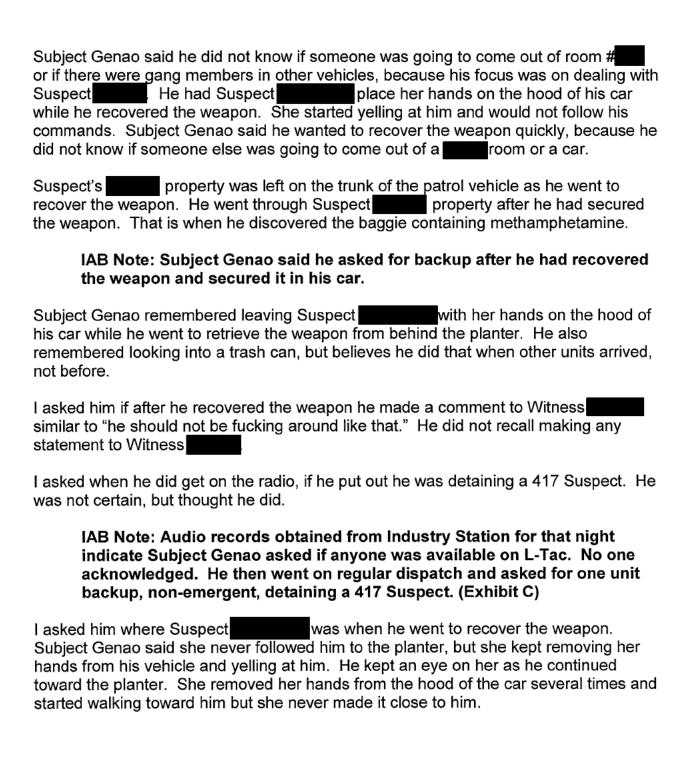
IAB Note: This exchange took place after Suspect stepped toward Subject Genao, after having run behind a wall. (IAB Transcript, Page 4)

I continued reading the paragraph where it states, "While conducting a search on Suspect One, I recovered a loaded firearm concealed in his right side pants waistband." I asked Subject Genao if that was a true and accurate statement. He said it was inaccurate.

I continued and asked him if the paragraph he wrote regarding finding one clear plastic baggie containing methamphetamine in the suspect's right front pocket was true. He said "Yes."



Subject Genao was asked by his attorney to further explain what was going on in his mind as he wrote his report. Subject Genao said as he secured the location, he was thinking Suspect "had the drop" on him. As he transported Suspect to the station, Subject Genao told Suspect that he had gotten the drop on him. Suspect responded with a chuckle.
Subject Genao said he kept playing the incident in his mind and it took him longer than usual to book the suspects and evidence. He kept thinking to himself "I came close to getting myself capped or killed." He left the station at 2:00 a.m. and drove to the local 7-11. While at the 7-11, the events leading up to the arrest continued to play in his mind. He kept thinking of his wife, his daughters and thought of calling home. At that moment he thought he wanted to write his report, get it signed, and go home. (IAB Transcript, Page 5)
I asked Subject Genao to explain why he had driven to the I asked him if that was his routine. Did he know it was frequented by drug dealers and gang members? He said "Yes."
I asked him to explain his thought process based on his experience in the area as he pulled into the parking lot. Subject Genao said he saw the suspects arguing. Suspect and Suspect were near the open door of room # Witness was a few feet away from the suspects.
He saw Suspect look at him with a "oh shit look on his face." He could tell Suspect was thinking which way to go. He exited his car and asked them if everything was okay. I asked him if he thought of calling for backup at that point. He said "No." (IAB Transcript Pages 6-7)
I asked Subject Genao if at the time he saw Suspect run behind the pillar wall he thought of cover or calling for backup. Subject Genao said he might have keyed his radio, but he was thinking at the time which way Suspect would come out. When he did not come out, Subject Genao took one step forward and froze.
Subject Genao said he knew he was exposed standing in front of his patrol car by the front fender with his driver's door open. He heard the clank of metal and then Suspect was walking out. He remembered seeing Suspect standing a few feet from him (Subject Genao) near the open door of room # He said this sequence took 2-3 seconds and he felt himself frozen.



I asked Subject Genao why he felt compelled to recover the gun imme	ediately when he
had Suspect secured in the backseat and Suspect	on the hood of his
car. I asked him why he did not secure Suspect then ask f	or backup. He
said his intention was to secure the handgun, deal with Suspect	and then the
open room door when backup arrived. Based on prior experience	ce and being
familiar with that and its patrons, he felt recovering the gun was	the safest thing to
do and then requesting backup.	

I asked him if the reason he did not document his actions on his Incident report was because he was tired. Subject Genao said it was not so much that he was tired but more the experience with the suspects. He had never experienced what he did that night and felt an urgency to go home because he felt he had been given a second chance to live.

Sergeant Carrizosa asked Subject Genao why he wrote he found the gun in his waistband instead of the planter. Subject Genao said it was a "stupid shortcut" he took, because he wanted to go home to his family. It was a mistake on his part. At the time and in his mind it was shorter to write the report the way he did, rather than the truth.

Sergeant Carrizosa asked Subject Genao to clarify if he wrote the report knowing that part of the report was untruthful. Subject Genao said at the time he was writing the report he was not thinking "I know this isn't true."

Sergeant Carrizosa asked him if he forgot the truth of the incident while he was writing the report. Subject Genao said "No." It was when he got home and was later told by Detective Smiley, on the telephone, that there were issues with the report he turned in. Subject Genao said he admitted to Detective Smiley that the statements given to him by the Witness and Suspect were correct. He said he was not thinking when he wrote the report. Subject Genao said he did not purposely write an untruthful report.

I provided Subject Genao with a copy of a Probable Cause Declaration (PCD). I asked him if the information on the PCD was written by him, he said "Yes."

I asked him if wrote the PCD and ran the arrest by the Watch Sergeant prior to writing the incident report. He said "Yes." I called his attention to the narrative and asked him why he wrote he recovered a loaded firearm concealed on Suspect and methamphetamine in his pocket. Subject Genao said he wrote it, because he knew Suspect had the loaded handgun on his person and there was no one else that had a handgun, other than him.

I asked him if the statement on the PCD was accurate or another mistake on his part. He said it was not accurate it was a mistake, just like his report.

Sergeant Carrizosa asked Subject Genao if it was a mistake or a short cut. Subject Genao said it was a mistake and "he could have been more detailed and more clear on it, but PCD's are supposed to be short and simple." He said when he wrote "concealed on his person", he knew it was concealed on his person, because he "saw him reach in his waistband and it was concealed in his waistband prior to dumping the weapon."

I asked Subject Genao if at the time he submitted his PCD and ran the arrest by the Watch Sergeant if he had already decided in his mind that was how the report would be written, he said "No." I asked him if he made two mistakes that night, once on the PCD and once on the Incident Report, he said "Yes."

Sergeant Carrizosa asked him if it was because he had other things on his mind. Subject Genoa said he kept thinking how Suspect chuckled when Subject Genao told him he had the drop on him. Subject Genao said he was not himself from that point on and knew it because he could not write the PCD, and other deputies were asking him if he was okay.

I asked him if he was scared during the contact with the suspects. Subject Genao said he has been scared before, but not like this. This encounter made him "see death" and he had never felt like that before and felt he was "given a second chance" to live.

I reviewed the Medical Screening Form, Bail Deviation, and Booking Slips with Subject Genao. Subject Genao said the information on the documents was true and accurate as given to him by the suspects at the time of booking.

I provided Subject Genao with copies of the photographs taken by Detective Smiley.
Subject Genao looked at the photographs and placed an "x" where Suspect
was during the contact and the direction Suspect ran.

Subject Genao recognized the photograph that depicted the area where the planter was located. He identified the steps mentioned during his interview and placed an "x" where he recovered the handgun. He also identified the trash can and the direction Suspect ran when he hid from Subject Genao.

I showed Subject Genao a final photograph of a weapon. Subject Genao said that was the weapon he recovered from the planter. (IAB Exhibit D)

I asked Subject Genao what emotions he had when he received the call from Detective Smiley that morning. Subject Genao said he felt a load come off his chest. He did not try to deny anything and told him how the arrest happened. He did not remember making the statement to Detective Smiley regarding he just wanted to make the arrest stick.

Sergeant Carrizosa asked Subject Genao if when he authored the report he thought finding the weapon on the person would make a better case for the weapon possession. Subject Genao said that was something that never went through his head.



## County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Headquarters



4700 Ramona Boulevard Monterey Park, California 91754-2169

May 15, 2015

Deputy Daniel Genao, #	

Dear Deputy Genao:

On July 30, 2012, you were served with a Letter of Imposition under File Number 2267238, notifying you that you were discharged from your position of Deputy Sheriff, Item No. 2708A, with this Department, effective as of the close of business on July 26, 2012.

On April 21, 2015, the discipline was reduced pursuant to a final Civil Service decision. All Departmental records will reflect that you received a thirty (30) day suspension. The thirty (30) day suspension will be deemed served July 27, 2012 through August 25, 2012.

Pursuant to the Civil Service decision, the investigation under IAB File Number 2267238, conducted by Internal Affairs Bureau, coupled with your own statements, have established the following:

That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-
01/050.10, Performance to Standards; and/or 3-01/040.70, False
Statements; and/or 3-01/100.35, False Information in Records, on or
about May 6, 2010, while on duty, you authored an incident report
and/or a Probable Cause Declaration detailing false information
resulting in the arrest of
as evidenced by but not limited to:

- a) preparing an Incident Report which indicated that a firearm was recovered from Mr. waistband as opposed to a planter, and/or;
- b) preparing a Probable Cause Declaration which indicated that a firearm was recovered from Mr. waistband as opposed to a planter, and/or;

c) presenting a verbal account to Sergeant Crieghton that a firearm was recovered from Mr. waistband as opposed to a planter.

That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-2. 01/030.10, Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders; and/or 3-01/030.05, General Behavior, on or about May 6, 2010, while on duty, you authored an incident report and/or a Probable Cause Declaration detailing false information resulting in the arrest of On or about and June 8, 2010, the Sheriff's Department's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau presented the case to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, which resulted in filing of two counts of perjury (118.1 P.C. and 118(A) P.C.). On or about July 12, 2011, you appeared in Superior Court and plead "Nolo Contendere" to one misdemeanor count of 118.1 P.C., False Police Report. conduct has brought discredit and embarrassment upon yourself and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to this letter.

Sincerely,

JIM McDONNELL, SHERIFF

Donnie L. Mauldin, Captain Internal Affairs Bureau

Note: Attached for your convenience are excerpts of the applicable areas of the Manual of Policy and Procedures.

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